

Care and Support Charging - Regional benchmarking February 2022			Appendix 1					
Herefordshire comparison with regional local authorities		Herefordshire Council	A	B	C	D	E	F
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1	Do you currently set Minimum Income Guarantee amounts in line with DHSC LA Circular?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No
1A	If Yes are you proposing to continue using the amounts set in DHSC LA Circular for 2022/23?	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	
1B	If No please describe the basis for 2022/23 MIG calculation	2022/23 Income Support/Pension Credit + 25% buffer				2022/23 ESA (Support Group + EDP)/Pension Credit + 25%	N/A	MIG is set at DHSC LA Circular figure + 25%
2	Do you make an adjustment for couples?	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
2A	If Yes how is this calculated?	we check if the joint income is less than the DWP minimum income guarantee for other means-tested benefits including allowable premiums and we allow the shortfall	we check if the non-service user partner has an income equivalent of the MIG and can allow a shortfall	we check if the income for the partner is less than the DWP minimum income guarantee for other means-tested benefits including allowable premiums and we allow the shortfall from the partner's financial assessment		We take half of couples basic allowances, compare to partners income, and if income is lower, we allow a couple low income disregard for the difference	N/A	Joint income is taken into account and MIG is set for a basic couple at £208.91 (couples PA + Disability premium + 25%) this may vary dependant on carer/EDP/Pensioners)
3	How do you assess DRE (individual assessment / Standard amount)	individual Assessment	Individual assessment	standard amount	Individual assessment	standard amount	Individual assessment	Individual assessment
3A	If standard amount please confirm amount	N/A		£10, £15 or £25, can appeal for individual amount if they think more than £25		£23.50	N/A	
4	Do you have a minimum charge (Y/N)	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
4A	If Yes please add amount	£2 per week	£1.00 per week		£1 per week	50p per week	N/A	£3 per week
5	Do you have a maximum charge (Y/N)	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
5A	If Yes please add amount						N/A	
6	What % of disposable income do you take into account for charging purposes?	100%	100.00%	100.00%	47.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
7	Do you have a local policy for applying income disregards?	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
7A	If Yes please state what disregards are applied.	Income disregard for AA and DLA equal to difference between day and night rate when high rate in payment and only day services funded.	AA & DLA high rate disregarded to reflect night time element	Policy is same as care act	Income disregard for AA and DLA equal to difference between day and night rate when high rate in payment and only day services funded.	Income disregard for AA, PIP and DLA equal to difference between day and night rate when high rate in payment and only day services funded.		Income disregard for AA and DLA equal to difference between day and night rate when high rate in payment and only day services funded.
8	Do you currently set Capital limits and tariff income in line with DHSC stat guidance?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
8A	If No please describe the basis for setting Capital limits and tariff income	N/A						
9	Do you charge on a full cost recovery basis? i.e. service charges match actual cost paid to provider	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
9A	If No, describe basis for setting service charges	Yes except for home care. We pay providers urban/rural rates based on location but charge service users the lower urban rate. We propose charging self-funders either rate that applies from April 2022.	HC, transport and Day care not actual cost. Other services e.g. DP's based on actual cost				Residential charged at Provider rate with the exception of some internal and block funded Providers charged at a fixed rate. Non-residential are charged at a fixed rate.	
10	How do you charge for short stays in a care home based on Res or Non-Res rules	Res	Res	Non-Res	Non-Res	Res	Non-Res	Res